

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated September 23, 2005, regarding the above-referenced patent application. The application is currently under a restriction requirement.

The Examiner has required a restriction between Group I (claims 1-26), directed to an intravascular pump, and Group II (claims 27-32, directed to a method). Claim 27, which is a method claim, was inadvertently included in both Groups. Applicant has addressed the restriction requirement assuming that the Examiner intended to place claim 27 in Group II. Applicant respectfully elects Group I for prosecution, without traverse. Claims 27-32 have been withdrawn.

The Examiner has further required an election between Species I (coronary assist pump 100), Species II (coronary assist pump 200), Species III (coronary assist pump 300), Species IV (coronary assist pump 400) and Species V (coronary assist pump 500). Applicants respectfully elect Species I, without traverse. The Examiner has asserted that claims 1-5 and 17-26 are generic to all Species. Applicant agrees, but asserts that claims 6-10 are also generic. Thus, claims 1-10 and 17-26 are believed to read upon the elected Species and to also be generic to all Species. Claims 11-16 have been withdrawn as directed to non-elected Species.

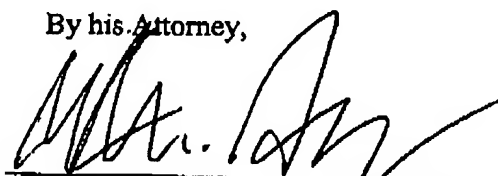
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